and the United States, as visualised by Prime Minister and the US President in March, provides the opportunity to discuss all issues of mutual concern, including that of the remaining US unilateral restrictions on India.

Imposing economic sanctions on Pakistan

†1317. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has suggested to Government to impose economic sanctions on Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the said suggestion and whether Government is considering to take a decision on this issue; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The Ministry of External Affairs has not received any proposal, concerning Pakistan, from the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Does not arise.

Media report on atrocities against Christians in India

1318. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media report published in Washington Post on 3rd July, 2000 regarding certain atrocities against Christians in India;

(b) what are the salient features of this article;

(c) what action Government have taken at diplomatic level to explain the India's position since the article adversely affects the secular image of India at international level; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the article says that Union Home Minister "see no reasons for alarms"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen the media report referred to in the Question.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.